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BEAMINSTER
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Public Health Inspector

for the Year

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Health Centre,
North Allington,
Bridport.

June, 1968.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Beaminster Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1967 which is prepared in accordance with the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

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I must express my thanks to the members and officers of the Council for the co-operation, consideration and help I have received and in particular to Mr. Rundle the Public Health Inspector for his assistance in preparing this report.

Your obedient servant,

John G. Maclaine

Medical Officer of Health.

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Medical Officer of Health.....John G. Meadows. M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..

Also Medical Officer of Health for Bridport and Lyme Regis Borough Councils and Bridport Rural District Council, and Senior Assistant County Medical Officer. 5/11 of time allocated to Dorset County Council and 6/11 shared between the four District Councils.

Public Health Inspector and Meat Inspector.....C.C. Rundle, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Pupil Public Health Inspector.....R. Singleton. (joint appointment)
Clerk to the Medical Officer.....Miss B.E. Lawrence.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Area Comparability Factor. Births - 1.18 Deaths - 0.69

This is worked out for each district by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the ages and sex constitution of the populations of the various districts and its use allows statistical comparison to be made between different areas.

Live Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	47	44	91
Legitimate.....	42	44	86
Illegitimate.....	5	0	5

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 10.8 Corrected 12.7
Live Births - ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate 0.74

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births - 5.5

Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	1	2	3
Legitimate.....	1	1	2
Illegitimate.....	0	1	1

Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still-births - 32.

Total Live and Still-births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	48	46	94

Deaths (all ages)	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	58	52	110

Death Rate per 1,000 population - Crude 13.1 Corrected 9.0
Deaths (all ages) - ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate 0.81

Deaths of Infants.	Males.			Females.		
	Legit.	Illegit.	Total.	Legit.	Illegit.	Total.
Under 1 year of age.	1	1	2	0	0	0
Under 4 weeks of age.	1	1	2	0	0	0
Under 1 week of age.	1	1	2	0	0	0

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births.....22
Legitimate " " " " " legitimate live births.....11.6
Illegitimate" " " " " illegitimate live births.....200
Neonatal Mortality Rate(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).....21.9
Early neonatal " " (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births).....21.9
Perinatal " " (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births).....53

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths..... 0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births..... 0

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1964	1965	1966	1967
Population	8044	8294	7939	8113	8100	8370	8370	8410	8390
Rateable Value	N.A.	£29408	£30762	£38590	£73423	£166976	£171156	£180329	£180900
Produce of a Penny Rate	N.A.	£112	£135	£160	£293	£642	£662	£644	£690
BIRTHS.									
Live Births	181	115	114	130	124	126	113	124	91
Legitimate	N.A.	110	110	129	118	119	109	118	86
Illegitimate	N.A.	5	4	1	6	7	4	6	5
Live Birth Rate (crude)	22.5	13.9	14.4	16	15.3	15.1	13.5	14.7	10.8
Live Birth Rate (corrected)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	17.0	17.5	17.8	15.9	17.4	12.7
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0.74
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)	25.5	16.3	14.8	15.8	17.1	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2
INFANT MORTALITY.									
Still Births	N.A.	N.A.	5	4	1	7	2	0	3
Still Birth Rate	N.A.	N.A.	42	29.8	8.0	52.6	17.4	0	32
Still Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)	N.A.	41	37	23	19.7	16.3	15.7	15.4	14.8
Deaths under 1 year	9	6	8	7	4	2	2	1	2
Infantile Death Rate	49.7	52.0	66.7	53.9	32.3	15.8	17.7	8.1	22
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	80.0	60	55	29.8	21.7	20.0	19.0	19.0	18.3
Neonatal Death Rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	24.2	7.9	8.9	8.1	21.9
Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	35	31	30	19	15.6	13.8	13.0	12.9	12.5
Early neonatal Death Rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	24.2	7.9	8.9	0	21.9
Early neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & W.)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	11.1	10.8
Perinatal Death Rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	32.0	60.1	26.1	0	53
Perinatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	26.3	25.4
MATERNAL MORTALITY. (including abortion)									
Maternal Deaths	N.A.	N.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate	N.A.	N.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	4.3	3.9	2.7	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
DEATHS.									
Total Deaths	115	103	137	110	104	113	100	135	110
Death Rate (crude)	14.1	12.4	14.3	13.6	12.8	13.5	11.9	16.1	13.1
Death Rate (corrected)	N.A.	N.A.	11.9	11.0	10.8	10.1	8.8	11.1	9.0
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0.81
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	12.4	11.4	14.3	11.6	11.5	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

No.		Totals.
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	3.
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2.
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	1.
13.	Maligant neoplasm, uterus	1.
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	12.
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1.
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	15.
18.	Coronary disease, angina	21.
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	3.
20.	Other heart disease	9.
21.	Other circulatory disease	6.
23.	Pneumonia	10.
24.	Bronchitis	4.
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	1.
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1.
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	1.
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	2.
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8.
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	3.
34.	All other accidents.	3.
35.	Suicide	3.
	Total	110

Where a cause of death and code number is omitted there have been no deaths from this cause.

Causes of Death at different periods of life
Registrar General's Official Return.

*	Total all ages.		Under 4 weeks.		4 weeks & under 1 year.		1-		5-		15-		25-		35-		45-		55-		65-		75 & over.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 10.	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
11.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
12.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
13.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
14.	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	1	2	1
15.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
17.	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	5	7
18.	12	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	2	5	6
19.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
20.	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	4
21.	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	2
23.	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	3
24.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
25.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
26.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
28.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
29.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
32.	2	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	3
33.	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
35.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Totals.	58	52	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	8	6	15	10	29	33

* Numbers refer to causes of death listed on the opposite page.

Causes of Death at different periods of life
Registrar General's Official Return

WEST DORSET.

Combined figures for Bridport and Lyme Regis Borough and Bridport and Beaminster Rural Districts.

		Total (all ages)
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	0
2.	Tuberculosis, other	0
3.	Syphilitic Disease	0
4.	Diphtheria	0
5.	Whooping Cough	0
6.	Meningococcal infections	0
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	0
8.	Measles	0
9.	Other infective & parasitic diseases	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	9
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	13
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	8
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	4
14.	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	34
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1
16.	Diabetes	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	61
18.	Coronary disease, angina	75
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	9
20.	Other heart disease	47
21.	Other circulatory disease	21
22.	Influenza	1
23.	Pneumonia	19
24.	Bronchitis	14
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	3
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6
27.	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	2
28.	Nephritis & nephrosis	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	3
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0
31.	Congenital malformations	1
32.	Other defined & ill defined diseases	34
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	6
34.	All other accidents	8
35.	Suicide	6
36.	Homicide and operations of war	0
	Total	389

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1967 showed an increase as compared to 1966 and this is accounted for by an epidemic of measles.

The case of encephalitis was a complication of measles.

Infectious Diseases notified during 1967.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Encephalitis.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Measles.....	147	1	11	16	18	13	68	15	4	0	1	0
Tuberculosis (pulmonary)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total.....	149	1	11	16	18	13	69	15	4	1	1	0

Quarterly Notifications 1967.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Qrt.	2nd. Qrt.	3rd. Qrt.	4th. Qrt.
Encephalitis.....	1	0	1	0	0
Measles.....	147	109	36	2	0
Tuberculosis (pulmonary).....	1	0	0	1	0
Total.....	149	109	37	3	0

Infectious Disease Notifications for Comparison.

	1940	1950	1960	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Food Poisoning.....	0	3	0	1	0	20	0	0
Diphtheria.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas.....	4	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
Scarlet Fever.....	4	4	12	1	2	5	1	0
Malaria.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal fever....	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia.....	8	4	0	0	0	1	3	0
Tuberculosis (pulmonary)	7	5	2	1	1	1	3	1
Tuberculosis (non-pulmonary)	2	5	3	0	0	0	0	0
Measles.....	60	121	14	274	25	162	43	147
Whooping Cough.....	12	33	1	2	4	0	28	0
Total.....	108	189	33	280	33	192	80	149

Tuberculosis.

One case of tuberculosis was notified during the year but there were no deaths from this disease.

The number of cases under treatment or observation on the register in 1967 was 19.

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register.	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Total cases on the register at end of 1966.	5	6	2	5
New cases notified during 1967.	0	1	0	0
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the district.	0	0	0	0
Removals from district into other areas.	0	0	0	0
Removed from register as non-tubercular.	0	0	0	0
Removed from register - cured.	0	0	0	0
Deaths during 1967.	0	0	0	0
Total on register at end of 1967.	5	7	2	5

Average yearly incidence.	New Cases.		Deaths.	
	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary
1940 - 1949.	6.4	2.4	2.3	0.6
1950 - 1959.	4.2	2.0	1.4	0.1
1960 - 1967.	1.5	0.5	0.8	0

Average number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary.	
1946 - 1955.	36.2
1956 - 1965.	33.4

Total number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary.	
1966.	18.
1967.	19.

Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council and either carried out by the family doctor or at the Child Welfare Clinics and schools.

The following table shows the number who were immunised.

P. = Primary dose. R. = Reinforcing dose.

POLIOMYELITIS.				DIPHTHERIA.		TETANUS.		WHOOPING COUGH.		SMALLPOX.	
ORAL.		SALK									
Basic course.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.
137	140	0	0	137	156	150	169	117	48	68	2

* B.C.G. Immunisation against Tuberculosis.					
No. in group.	Tested.	Positive.	Negative	Vaccinated.	Absent.
160	140	33	107	107	0

* This figure includes children aged 13 years, other than those from Beaminster, who are attending the Beaminster school.

HOUSING.

No new houses or bungalows were completed by the Council during 1967 but eight flats were in the course of construction by the end of the year.

Since the war 389 houses including 69 bungalows and 22 flats have been built by the Local Authority in the following parishes :-

Beaminster	191.	Marshwood	8.
(Fairfield 32, Hogshill Mead 39, Gerrards Green 97, Pimlico 3, Woodswater Lane 5, Fleet Street 7, Pattle 8).		Mosterton	8.
Broadwindsor	46.	Melbury Osmond	4.
(village 36, Drimpton 10)		Netherbury	50.
Burstock	4.	(village 24, N. Bowood 4, Salway Ash 14, Melplash 8)	
Corscombe	7.	South Perrott	14.
Evershot	4.	Powerstock (West Milton)	4.
Halstock	17.	Rampisham	4.
		Stoke Abbott	4.
		Thorncombe	24.

At the end of the year there were 89 applicants on the waiting list for housing accommodation in the district a decrease of 15 in twelve months.

No. of inhabited houses (according to the rate books as at 1/4/67)..... 2978.

New-housing.

No. of additional units of accommodation provided by conversions and adaptations 1967	6.
No. of new houses completed in 1967 :-	
(a) by Local Authority	0.
(b) by Private Enterprise	39.
No. of new houses completed since the war :-	
(a) by Local Authority	389.
(b) by Private Enterprise	349.
No. of new houses in course of construction at 31/12/67 :-	
(a) by Local Authority	8.
(b) by Private Enterprise	47.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority	478.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. of houses inspected	201.	No. unfit for habitation	3.
No. of inspections	298.	Overcrowding	Nil.
Demolition Orders	2.	Closing Orders	Nil.
No. of houses demolished	1.		

Inspection of Dwelling Houses continued.

Two houses were made fit as a result of formal or informal undertakings.

One house was closed as a result of an informal undertaking from the owner not to let it again for human habitation.

One house subject to a closing order was made fit and the order therefore removed.

Action under Statutory Powers.

Housing Act. 1957 Sections 9, 10 and 12.

These sections deal with powers of a Local Authority to require repair of unfit houses.

No. of formal notices served..... Nil.
No. complied with..... Nil.

Public Health Act. 1936.

No. of notices served - Informal..... 13.
Formal..... Nil.
No. of houses in which defects were remedied after notice
(a) By owners Informal..... 14.
Formal..... Nil.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owner..... Nil.

Slum Clearance and Demolition State.

The following shows the position at the end of the year of the results of action taken regarding the 105 houses which were assessed in 1955 as unfit. It will be seen that all these houses have been dealt with and that in addition a further 76 houses have become unfit since 1955 and have been dealt with also.

Houses demolished following Demolition Orders or voluntarily by owners in anticipation of Demolition Orders..... 50.

Houses demolished following Clearance Areas or Clearance Orders..... 17.

Demolition Orders operative but houses not yet demolished (8 still occupied)..... 10.

Houses made fit and Demolition Order revoked..... 6.

Houses closed following Closing Orders..... 11.

Closing Orders determined after houses having been made fit..... 4.

Houses closed following formal undertaking by owners..... 13.

Houses closed following informal undertakings by owners..... 7.

Closing Orders made or undertakings given but houses not yet vacated. 1.

Slum Clearance and Demolition State continued.

Houses made fit following formal undertakings by owners..... 12.

Houses made fit informally (29 houses converted into 23)..... 29.

Outstanding informal undertakings to make fit.....Nil.

Outstanding formal undertakings to make fit..... 2.

Action postponed....., 6.

No action required..... 13.

Under consideration.....Nil.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act. 1958 and the house Purchase and Housing Act. 1959 (Improvement Grants).

Details of both Discretionary and Standard grant applications received during the year are as follows :-

	Discretionary Grants.	Standard Grants.
No. of applications received.	13	24
No. of dwellings.	13	24
No. of applications approved.	13	27
No. of dwellings.	13	27
Value of grants approved.	£4,879.	£4,876. 16. 0.

Housing for Elderly People.

The Council have built a total of 69 bungalows and 22 flats for elderly people in various villages, as shown in the following table :-

Fleet St., Beaminster	6.	Denziloe, Netherbury	10.	South Perrott	6.
Hogshill Mead "	7.	North Bowood	2.	Mosterton	2.
Pilsdon Close "	8.	Halstock	7.	Corscombe	3.
Gerrards Green "	24.	Fullers, Broadwindsor	16.		

This makes a total of 91 flats and bungalows already occupied and work has started on the construction of 8 additional units of accommodation at Broadwindsor.

During the year the possibility of taking advantage of the County Council's scheme for financial assistance to district Councils providing warden accommodation was considered; no final decision was reached but the matter will be raised again when the flats are built on the Pattle estate. The extra care provided by a warden may well allow the elderly tenant to continue to live in their own home when without this service their admission to an institution could have been the only alternative.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Re-Grouping of Water Undertakings.

The original Order for re-grouping the West and Mid Dorset Water Undertakings was revoked by a select committee of the House of Commons in 1965. After considerable discussion a new draft Poole and Dorset Water Order was the subject of a Public Enquiry in Janaury, 1967. This new Order covered a much wider area than the one which had been previously rejected. Subsequent to the Public Enquiry the Minister has agreed to the revised Order with minor amendments. The new Water Undertakings will be known as the Dorset Water Board and there were also some alterations in the financial arrangements.

It is possible that re-grouping may now take place in 1968 and it is to be hoped that this change will not unduly defer improvements to the water supply in West Dorset. It will be seen in the following table the progress that has been made by the West Dorset Water Board in its eight years of existence.

West Dorset Water Board.

The Water Board have now completed the first six phases of their Regional Scheme and have started on phase 7. The main from R.7 (North Warren Hill reservoir) connecting Melplash to Mangerton and West Milton was being laid at the end of the year. The construction of the main from Broadoak to Marshwood and R.5 (the reservoir at Bettiscombe), is awaiting Ministry approval. Approval is also being sought in respect of a scheme to bring the Board's supply to Melbury Osmond. The plans for a supply to Powerstock and Poorton have been temporarily deferred.

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme.

Phase.		Proposed and completed date.
2.	Main from Reservoir No. 16 to Stoke Abbott. Construction of Reservoir No. 12 Bunkers Hill. Main from Reservoir No. 12 to Uploders. Construction of Reservoir No. 19 South Perrott. Main to Reservoir No. 19 and to Chedington, Mosterton and South Perrott. Main from Bradpolo to Loders. Main from Reservoir No. 6 to Broadoak. Main from Bridport to Symondsbury. Main from Shipton Gorge to Burton Bradstock. Main from Hooke pumping station to Reservoir No. 25 and Hooke village. Construction of Reservoir No. 25. Provision of pumping equipment at Hooke pumping station.	1962 to 1964

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme continued.

Phase.		Proposed and completed date.
3.	Trunk main from Litton Cheney to R.6 and site works at Litton Cheney.	Dec. 1963 - Dec. 1965
4.	Development of Litton Cheney source with pumps and treatment.	Mar. 1964 - Dec. 1964
5.	Mains from R.16 to R.3 (Hardown Hill) Construction of R.3. Mains from R.3 to Whitchurch Canonicorum. Booster No. 3 at Whitchurch Canonicorum. Construction of R.4 and R.8 (Morcombelake) Mains to Whitchurch Canonicorum, Morcombelake and Ryall. Mains from R.3 to Chideock and Seatown. Mains from Whitchurch Canonicorum to Charmouth and Catherston Leweston. Construction of R.2 (Charmouth).	Mar. 1964 to Mar. 1966
6.	Mains from Broadwindsor to :- Burstock, Seaborough, Drimpton, Birdsmoor Gate, Marshwood, Thorncombe and Holditch. Construction of R.13 (Thorncombe) Construction of R.15 (north of Burstock). Mains to Walditch.	Mar. 1965 to Mar. 1968
7.	Mains from Broadoak to Bettiscombe and Pilsdon. Construction of R.5 Bettiscombe. Mains from R.7 via Melplash to Mangerton and West Milton.(Mains from R.25 to R.26 and Powerstock. Construction of R.26 Powerstock. Temporarily deferred).	Mar. 1967 to Mar. 1969
8.	Mains from R.18 to Chelborough and Evershot. Mains from R.18 to Rampisham and Wraxall. Mains from R.18 to Melbury. Construction of R.22 (Rampisham). Construction of R.23 (Evershot) and R.24 (East Chelborough)	Mar. 196[illegible] to Mar. 1970
9.	Mains from Whitchurch Canonicorum to High Level District of Charmouth. Construction of R.1 (Charmouth). Mains and Boosters for Monkton Wylde and Fishponds. Mains from Broadoak to Moorbath. Mains from Sansoms Cross to Whitchurch Canonicorum.	Mar. 1970 to Mar. 1971

Water Analyses.

Copy Report from the Counties Public Health Laboratories, London. 19/1/1965.

Chemical Results in Parts per Million.

	Hooke Pumping Station.	Beaminster Langdon Supply.	Corsonbe Source.	Litton Cheney Heading.
Appearance.	Bright with a slight yellow brown deposit.	Clear and bright.	Bright with a few particles.	Clear and bright.
Colour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
pH.	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.3
Electric Conductivity.	460	460	440	400
Chlorine present as Chloride.	13	14	13	19
Hardness : total.	265	260	260	215
Carbonate.	230	225	230	185
Non-Carbonate.	35	35	30	30
Nitrate Nitrogen.	2.7	3.1	1.9	2.7
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Albuminoid Nitrogen.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Iron.	0.03	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Zinc.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Copper.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Lead.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Turbidity.	less than 3	Nil.	less than 3	Nil.
Odour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Free Carbon Dioxide	25	20	20	18
Dissolved Solids Dried at 180 C.	320	310	300	270
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	230	225	230	185
Nitrite Nitrogen.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Oxygen Absorbed.	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10
Residual Chlorine.	Absent.	...	...	Absent.

From the aspect of the chemical analyses these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

WATER SUPPLIES TO HOUSES.

The following is an estimate of the position with regard to the provision of piped water supplies to houses in the district.

There are approximately twenty houses which are not now provided with a piped supply of one sort or another.

Parish.	No. of houses.	Approx. No. of persons.	West Dorset Water Board supply.		Other Piped Supplies.	
			No. of houses.	Approx. No. of persons.	Approx. No. of houses.	Approx. No. of persons.
Beaminster.	783	2150	719	1990	64	160
Bettiscombe.	25	70	12	34	13	36
Broadwindsor.	347	940	201	520	146	420
Burstock.	37	96	19	51	18	45
Chedington.	32	90	25	68	7	22
East Chelborough.	18	60	4	12	14	48
West Chelborough.	12	30	0	0	12	30
Corscombe.	125	300	75	170	50	130
Evershot.	86	260	0	0	86	260
Halstock.	130	360	114	n315	16	45
Hooke.	27	120	13	50	14	70
Mapperton.	10	25	0	0	10	25
Marshwood.	107	320	44	150	63	170
Melbury Osmond.	79	250	0	0	79	250
Melbury Sampford.	10	50	0	0	10	50
Mosterton.	76	190	63	155	13	35
Netherbury.	421	1100	204	530	217	570
South Perrott.	60	150	55	136	5	14
Pilsdon.	6	44	0	0	6	44
Powerstock.	178	440	0	0	178	440
North Poorton.	8	20	0	0	8	20
Rampisham.	57	150	0	0	57	150
Seaborough.	21	50	0	0	21	50
Stoke Abbott.	97	350	59	250	38	100
Thorncombe.	247	740	121	370	126	370
Wraxall.	22	65	0	0	22	65
Totals.	3021	8420	1728	4801	1293	3619

Fluoridation of Water Undertakings.

In 1965 a circular from the Ministry of Health expressed the Minister's hope that Local Authorities would take steps to add fluoride to public water supplies where these are naturally deficient. It is to be regreted that neither nationally nor locally has real progress been made in the last year.

The Rural District Council were advised to support the County Council if they decided to undertake fluoridation but both Councils expressed themselves as opposed to this preventative measure.

Water Samples.

The following table shows the results of bacteriological analyses carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester, during the year from various supplies taken by the Local Authority, and the West Dorset Water Board.

Supplies.	Total.	Satisfactory.	Suspect.	Unsatisfactory.
Board's Mains.				
Beaminster.	26	26	0	0
Corscombe and Halstock.	27	27	0	0
Thorncombe.	26	26	0	0
Hooke supply.	101	83	12	6
Miscellaneous samples taken from points on new mains and reservoirs.	27	12	0	15
Private Supplies	28	9	7	12
Total.	235	183	19	33

Unsatisfactory Samples.

The details of the unsatisfactory samples are as follows :-

(1) Two samples from a cottage not connected but situated close to the main water supply.
After service of a notice the owner finally agreed to connect to the West Dorset supply.

(2) Two samples from an estate supply.
Subsequent samples after improvement work were satisfactory.

(3) Two samples from a farm supply.
Further samples showed a great improvement after work had been carried out at the source.

Unsatisfactory Samples continued.

(4) Six samples at Seaborough.
These were taken in connection with the main being laid in the village to discover the conditions of the existing supplies and decide which properties should be connected to the new main supply.

(5) The unsatisfactory samples from the Board's supply were taken to test new mains and also from the Hooke source which is subsequently chlorinated, in every case repeated sampling gave satisfactory results.

I am grateful to Mr. R. Chapman, Engineer and Manager to the West Dorset Water Board, for his co-operation and his advice on this section of the report.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Joint Sewerage Scheme.

Bridport Borough, Bridport and Beaminster Rural District Councils have a joint scheme for sewerage of parts of their districts. A pressure pipe line from Beaminster will pass through Bridport Rural District and terminate in a submarine outfall at West Bay. This will initially take sewage from the towns of Beaminster and Bridport and subsequently villages in both rural areas will be linked to it in progressive stages.

The work on the main network and individual drains has been completed for the town of Beaminster and sewage is being temporarily discharged into the river Brit. A large part of the pressure pipe line has been completed and the only work remaining is on control chambers and small isolated sections of pipe.

The submarine pipe has also been completed and was due to be towed out to sea during the Autumn of 1967. Unfortunately it was not possible to obtain the winch necessary to pull this pipe into position and this will not now be done until the spring of 1968. However, this will not delay the time at which the system will be brought into operation and there can be little doubt that it will be functional in 1968.

Beaminster.

The temporary gravity discharge of sewage into the River Brit through the extended storm water pumping main continued throughout the year without difficulty and it will not therefore be necessary to operate the pumps until the submarine outfall and pressure pipeline system is in operation.

South Perrott, Mosterton and Chedington.

A local investigation of this scheme by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government was held in May who did not favour a separate small sewage disposal works for Chedington.

South Perrott, Mosterton and Chedington continued.

The scheme was subsequently amended to provide treatment for all three villages at an enlarged works north of South Perrott but although the outline proposals had received technical approval no consent to invite tenders for the work had been received before the end of the year.

Consent was however given to proceed with the purchase of land for the sewage disposal works and for the provision of a concrete tube sleeve through the abutments of a new road bridge, now being constructed over the River Axe at Mosterton, to facilitate sewer laying.

Netherbury.

Preliminary survey work only was carried out for this scheme during the year.

Stoke Abbott.

Field work for an outline scheme for this village was completed during the year.

Drimpton.

Field work for an outline scheme for this village was commenced during the year,

Programme for other sewerage schemes.

Due to various unavoidable delays to the programme the original completion dates agreed for the schemes cannot now be achieved. The order of priority is however unaltered as follows :

West Milton.
Melplash.
Evershot.
Melbury Osmond.

I am grateful to the Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. K.T. Bird, for his help with this section of the report.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

During the year no nuisances were reported regarding smoke or grit emissions.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(1) Food Premises by type.

There are 98 food premises in the district, as follows :-

General shops	6.
General and ice cream	28.
Bakehouses	3.
Cafes and ice cream	3.
Licenced premises	28.
Licenced premises and ice cream	13.
Butchers shops	4.
Fish and chips, fruit etc	1.
Dried milk factory	1.
Butchers shop, greengrocery and fruit etc	1.
General, ice cream and T.T. bottled milk	3.
Bakehouses, general shops and ice cream	1.
Slaughterhouse	1.
Fresh fruit, greengrocery and fish	1.
Factory canteen	1.
Butchers shops and ice cream	1.
Poultry processing	2.

(2) Food Premises registered under Section 16 of Food and Drugs Act. 1955.

A total of 57 as follows :-

Ice Cream	49.
Preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted pressed, pickled, or preserved food intended for sale	6.
Cooked fish	1.
Manufacture of meat pies	1.

428 inspections of food premises were made, of which 171 were of the registered premises set out in group (2) above. The premises are considered to comply reasonably with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Condemnation of Food.

Apart from meat condemned at the slaughterhouse, the following foodstuffs were condemned.

4 tins of foodstuffs.
1080 hens (approximately 2791 lbs)

Poultry Inspection.

The Ministry of Health have drawn attention to the need for frequent and regular visits to be made to all poultry processing establishments to ensure that the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act 1955, the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 and the recommendations of the Code of Practice on Poultry Dressing and Packing were being observed, and that all carcases and viscera intended for human consumption were in a fit condition.

There are now two poultry processing premises in the district and both are under the same management; killing and plucking of the birds is carried out at one of these premises, and some eviscerating is done at the other.

About 300,000 birds mostly hens but also some turkeys and geese at Christmas time, were killed at these premises during the year. 53 visits were made and 1080 hens (0.36% of the total) were condemned.

Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

The Regulations apply to covered and uncovered markets, delivery vehicles, mobile shops, stalls and trading in the open generally. They strengthen the present food hygiene requirements for these forms of trading and revoke or supersede the corresponding requirements in the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960. The Regulations came into operation on 1st. Janaury, 1967 and the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, do not apply after that date to food businesses subject to the provision of the new Regulations.

No formal action was necessary under these Regulations.

Milk Supply.

Since 1961, the responsibility for the issue of licences for the use of special designation in connection with milk was transferred from the Council to the Dorset County Council under the Milk (Special Designations) 1960. The County Council, however, have continued to inform this Council where milk samples have failed to pass the prescribed test, and during the year notified that of 71 samples taken, 61 passed the prescribed test and 10 failed. 6 Dealers' licences to sell pre-packed milk, and 1 to sell untreated milk were issued.

Brucellosis.

20 milk supplies were also tested for brucellosis and as a result two herds in the district were found to be infected and in each case the farmer arranged to get rid of the diseased animal.

Two cases of human infection were brought to my notice.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-

(a) Manufacture of ice cream..... Nil.
(b) Storage and sale of ice cream..... 49.
No. of ice cream premises inspected..... 49.
No. of inspections..... 146.
No. of notices served (Ice Cream Heat Treatment Regulations)..... Nil.

39 samples of ice cream were taken during the year, that is, from all premises where ice cream was actually sold, the results of the samples were :- Grade 1 - 37, and Grade 2 - 2.

All ice cream retailed is pre-packed.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

There are 44 registered premises in the Rural District and the Public Health Inspector has made 65 inspections.

The standards are generally reasonable and no prosecutions have resulted from inspections.

Registrations and General Inspections.			
Class of premises.	No. of premises registered during the year,	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices.	0	17	14
Retail shops.	3	24	26
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	0	0	0
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	0	2	2
Fuel storage depots.	0	1	1
Totals.	3	44	43

Meat Inspection.

There is only one licenced slaughterhouse in the district. This is sited at Broadwindsor and is privately owned. Inspection of meat at this slaughterhouse which involves Sunday inspections, was from 1/11/63 - 31/1/66 carried out by a local Veterinary Surgeon but on 1/2/66 the Public Health Inspector resumed responsibility for this work as a result of the reallocation of his duties.

133 visits were made to the slaughterhouse by the Public Health Inspector and by the Veterinary Surgeon who carried out the work of meat inspection when the Public Health Inspector was on leave.

Meat Inspection continued.

The slaughterhouse is a new one and was first licenced on 1/7/62, the date when the construction Regulations of the Slaughterhouse (hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958, came into operation in this district.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.					
	Cattle including cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed.	94	19	417	575	0
Number inspected.	94	19	417	575	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.					
Whole carcase condemned.	0	0	2	3	0
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned.	24	0	138	116	0
Percentage of the no. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and cysticerci.	26	0	33	21	0
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcase condemned.	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	0	0	0	3	0
Percentage of the no. inspected with Tuberculosis.	0	0	0	0.52	0
Cysticercosis.					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	0	0	0	0	0

Meat Inspection continued.

Knackers Yard.

There is one licenced Knacker's Yard which is sited about three miles north of Beaminster town. 7 visits were paid to this. The premises comply reasonably with the Regulations.

All meat at Knackers Yards must be sterilised or stained green.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT.
Petroleum (Consolidation) Act. 1928.
Petroleum (Regulation) Act. 1928 and 1936.

No. of licences..... 43. No. of inspections..... 72.
No. of notices served..... 10. No. complied with..... 11.

RODENT CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF VERMIN.

The North Dorset control scheme of which this Council is a member is functioning satisfactorily in the district.

Disinfestation.

No action was taken during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

There is a fortnightly collection of all household refuse for the whole of the district except Beaminster which has a weekly collection.

An order has been placed for a 25 cubic yard capacity compression refuse collection vehicle to replace the existing 12 cubic yard side loading machine and this is expected to come into service in May 1968.

It was reported that tipping in the leased quarry in Stintford Lane, Beaminster, would have to cease during 1968 and it was therefore decided that earth moving work would be carried out at the Council's own land in Stintford Lane to provide emergency tipping space until other arrangements can be made and also to provide the public accommodation required under the Civic Amenities Act.

The number of litter bins at lay-bys on classified roads provided by the Dorset County Council, who also contribute towards the fortnightly collection, increased during the year from 10 to 23.

Public Cleansing continued.

48 litter bins have been provided by the Council at various sites within the district and these are emptied either weekly or fortnightly during the normal refuse collection rounds.

I am grateful to Mr. K.T. Bird, Engineer and Surveyor for this information.

CAMPING SITES.

There is no widespread canping in the district. Licences were granted for a few single sites on which to keep a caravan.

SCHOOLS.

The 14 schools in the area have been inspected regularly, 9 have water supplies from public mains, 3 from private estate supplies and 2 from wells. 38 water samples were taken by the County Council staff, 32 were satisfactory and 6 unsatisfactory. 12 schools have water closets and 2 pail closets. All the schools except 4 are supplied with pasteurised milk.

8 samples of water were also taken from the swimming pools in two schools in the area, by the County Council staff, 7 were satisfactory and 1 was unsatisfactory.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948. Section 47.

This Act makes provision for compulsory removal of persons in need of care and attention from their own home to hospital or other suitable accommodation. Such persons have to be suffering from grave chronic illness or, being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions and are unable to devote to themselves, or receive from others proper care and attention.

Several old persons living in the district were brought to my attention and therefore visited but statutory action was not found to be necessary.

ALLOCATION OF VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Food premises (including slaughterhouse, poultry processing premises and licensed premises	428.
Meat and food inspections	188.
Milk premises	5.
Inspections under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	65.
Petrol storage premises	72.
Housing	298.
Drainage	73.
Water supplies	136.
Knackers yard	7.
Infectious Diseases	27.
Factories	34.

Allocation of visits made by Public Health Inspector continued.

General..... 70.

Total number of visits made. 1403.

No. of Informal Notices served..... 44.
No. of Informal Notices complied with..... 48.
No. of Statutory Notices served..... 1.
No. of Statutory Notices complied with..... 0.

FACTORIES ACT 1961.

FACTORIES ON THE COUNCIL'S REGISTER AND DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	5	0	0
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	27	29	0	0
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises)	0	0	0	0
Total.	28	34	0	0

Factories Act. 1961 continued.

FACTORIES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	Referred By H.M. Inspector.	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness.	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding.	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature.	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation.	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors.	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences.					
(a) Insufficient.	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes.	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not relating to Out-work)	0	0	0	0	0
Total.	0	0	0	0	0

OUTWORK

Nature of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Nets other than wire nets.	30	0	0	0	0	0
Wearing apparel.	20	0	0	0	0	0
Total.	50	0	0	0	0	0

CLINICS HELD AT THE HEALTH CENTRE, BRIDPORT.

* = seen only by appointment.

MONDAYS.

Moral Welfare Worker.....	Monday morning.
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons).....	Monday morning. *
Relaxation Classes.....	Monday afternoon.*
Speech Therapy.....	Monday afternoon.*

TUESDAYS.

Speech Therapy.....	Tuesday morning. *
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons).....	Tuesday all day. *

WEDNESDAYS.

Youth Employment.....	Wednesday afternoon 2 - 5
Hearing Assessment.....	every 3rd. Wednesday morning in the month. *
Child Guidance.....	Alternate Wednesdays. *

THURSDAYS.

Family Planning.....	1st. 2nd. and 3rd. Thursday in the month. 2 - 4-30 p.m. *
Cervical Cytology clinic.....	2nd. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m. * 4th. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m. (open session).

FRIDAYS.

Child Welfare Clinic.....	2nd. and 4th. Friday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.

Other clinics are held at :-

BEAMINSTER.	Child Welfare.	Welfare Centre, Hogshill Street.	2nd. and 4th. Thursday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance 2nd. Thursday.
	Foot Clinic. (Elderly Persons)	"	1st. 2nd. & 3rd. Friday in the month. 2-5 p.m.
CHARMOUTH.	Child Welfare.	Mobile Clinic Lower Sea Lane.	4th. Monday in the month 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.
	Foot Clinic. (Elderly Persons)	W.I. Hall. Wesley Close.	Alternate Wednesdays 2-5 p.m. *
THORNCOMBE.	Child Welfare.	Mobile Clinic. Village Hall Car Park.	4th. Tuesday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.